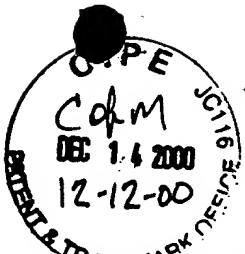


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In reply to the Office action dated 12 June 2000 (hereinafter Office action), please amend the above application as set forth below.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claims 1 and 18 as follows.

1. (Three Times Amended) An electrical connector, comprising:
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~~a dielectric base;~~
a plurality of ground or power contacts in said dielectric base and comprising:
a mating portion for engaging a mating component, said mating portion having
5 an elongated cross-section; and
~~an elongated cross-section;~~
a mounting portion for securing the connector to a substrate;
a plurality of signal contacts in said dielectric base, [generally similar to said ground